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## HOUSE BILL No. 1175

DIGEST OF HB 1175 (Updated February 12, 2009 9:00 am - DI 107)

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-36; IC 35-40.

**Synopsis:** Victims' rights. Provides that if a motion is made to postpone a trial or other court proceeding involving certain offenses, the court shall consider whether a postponement will have an adverse impact on certain victims. Provides that a victim has the right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process. Provides that a defense counsel must arrange an interview or deposition of a child less than 16 years of age who is a victim or alleged victim of a sex offense through the prosecuting attorney's office. Provides that a prosecutor or deputy prosecutor may request conditions for a deposition or interview.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
February 17, 2009, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-36-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. (a) This section  
3 applies to criminal actions for felonies under ~~IC 35-42~~, for:

4 (1) **an offense listed in IC 11-8-8-4.5(a);**

5 (2) neglect of a dependent (IC 35-46-1-4);

6 (3) **battery (IC 35-42-2-1) if the victim is:**

7 (A) **less than eighteen (18) years of age; or**

8 (B) **an endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2); and**

9 **for**

10 (4) **attempts of those felonies (~~IC 35-41-5-1~~); the crimes listed in**  
11 **subdivisions (1) through (3).**

12 (b) If a motion is made to postpone a trial or other court proceeding  
13 that involves an offense listed in subsection (a), the court shall consider  
14 whether a postponement will have an adverse impact upon **an**  
15 **endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2) or a child who is less**  
16 **than ~~ten (10)~~ sixteen (16) years of age and who:**

17 (1) is the alleged victim of an offense listed in subsection (a); or

18 (2) will be a witness in the trial.

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SECTION 2. IC 35-40-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. A victim has the right to be:

(1) treated with fairness, dignity, and respect; **and**

(2) **free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse;**  
throughout the criminal justice process.

SECTION 3. IC 35-40-5-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 11. (a) **This section applies only to a child less than sixteen (16) years of age who is the victim or alleged victim of a sex offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2).**

(b) **After charges are filed against a defendant, if counsel for a defendant would like to depose or interview a child described in subsection (a), the defendant or counsel for the defendant must arrange the deposition or interview through the prosecuting attorney's office.**

(c) **The response to a request for deposition or interview of a child described in subsection (a) shall be communicated to the defense attorney by the prosecutor or deputy prosecutor.**

(d) **Before any deposition or interview of a child described in subsection (a) by counsel for the defendant, the child through the prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney may request conditions for the deposition or interview regarding:**

(1) **The specification of a reasonable date, time, duration, and location of an interview or deposition, including requirements that the interview or deposition take place at the prosecutor's office or a location in the courthouse.**

(2) **Whether the defendant is permitted to be present at the interview or deposition.**

(3) **The right of the child, the child's attorney, the prosecuting attorney, or a deputy prosecuting attorney to terminate the interview or deposition if the interview or deposition is not conducted in a professional and dignified manner or is conducted in violation of the court's conditions.**

(e) **If the parties are unable to agree to the terms of the deposition or interview, the parties may petition the court for a hearing on the terms of the deposition or interview prior to the deposition or interview taking place. The court shall review the terms suggested by the parties and consider the age of the child, any special considerations, and the rights of victims provided by IC 35-40-5-1 in setting reasonable terms for the deposition or interview.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1175, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 35-36-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to criminal actions ~~for felonies under IC 35-42~~, for:

- (1) **an offense listed in IC 11-8-8-4.5(a);**
- (2) neglect of a dependent (IC 35-46-1-4);
- (3) **battery (IC 35-42-2-1) if the victim is:**
  - (A) **less than eighteen (18) years of age; or**
  - (B) **an endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2); and**
- ~~for~~
- (4) **attempts of those felonies (IC 35-41-5-1); the crimes listed in subdivisions (1) through (3).**

(b) If a motion is made to postpone a trial or other court proceeding that involves an offense listed in subsection (a), the court shall consider whether a postponement will have an adverse impact upon **an endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2) or** a child who is less than ~~ten (10)~~ **sixteen (16)** years of age and who:

- (1) is the alleged victim of an offense listed in subsection (a); or
- (2) will be a witness in the trial."

Page 1, delete lines 7 through 12.

Page 1, line 16, after "victim" insert "**or alleged victim**".

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(b) After charges are filed against a defendant, if counsel for a defendant would like to depose or interview a child described in subsection (a), the defendant or counsel for the defendant must arrange the deposition or interview through the prosecuting attorney's office.**

(c) **The response to a request for deposition or interview of a child described in subsection (a) shall be communicated to the defense attorney by the prosecutor or deputy prosecutor.**

(d) **Before any deposition or interview of a child described in subsection (a) by counsel for the defendant, the child through the prosecuting attorney or a deputy prosecuting attorney may request conditions for the deposition or interview regarding:**

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(2) Whether the defendant is permitted to be present at the interview or deposition.

(3) The right of the child, the child's attorney, the prosecuting attorney, or a deputy prosecuting attorney to terminate the interview or deposition if the interview or deposition is not conducted in a professional and dignified manner or is conducted in violation of the court's conditions.

(e) If the parties are unable to agree to the terms of the deposition or interview, the parties may petition the court for a hearing on the terms of the deposition or interview prior to the deposition or interview taking place. The court shall review the terms suggested by the parties and consider the age of the child, any special considerations, and the rights of victims provided by IC 35-40-5-1 in setting reasonable terms for the deposition or interview."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1175 as introduced.)

LAWSON L, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 6, nays 4.

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